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to
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Dear Beau,

I received the two copies of the contract just yesterday. The contract looks fine to me, so I've signed it (both copies) and ~~was~~ am returning it to you in this envelope. Bonnie wanted me to wait until the contract had been reviewed by Kenyon and Kenyon, but I want to move ahead with this, so what the heck. If Kenyon and Kenyon thinks something should be changed, I don't doubt that we can work it out. The only changes I've made have been corrections of two misprints, on pages 2 and 9 respectively.

I received a phone call yesterday from Professor Bonnie. He told me that he had just received my letter in which I told him I was offering Mr. Buttrey the position of lead counsel, and he informed me that he hadn't meant ~~it~~ what he said when he told me I might end up having to file my §2255 motion pro se. (He did not, however, explain why he said it if he didn't mean it.) He gave me absolute assurance that I would not have to file the motion pro se. He also said he had talked with Mr. Buttrey and explained to him what had happened and told him there might possibly be a role for him (Buttrey) to play later on. He said that Buttrey was "happy with that," whatever that means.

This incident leaves me feeling very uneasy.

Today I telephoned Buttrey's office. He wasn't in, but I left a message for him to the effect that I would like to communicate with him directly on this subject and hear his side of the story. (I told him I had not explicitly reinstated Bonnie as my legal representative, so that he [Buttrey] could communicate with me directly rather than through Bonnie.) There are obvious reasons why it's to my advantage to be represented by Bonnie (his expertise, his contacts), but I don't want to be put in the position of going back on my word and withdrawing an offer when there's no fault on the part of the person to whom I made it.

Oh, well, at least this incident has the advantage that it gave me an excuse to say that I was going to go ahead with publication of the book without waiting for Bonnie's approval. Bonnie told me on the phone that he still wants to review the book, but that he will meet any deadlines that you may set. So you can just go ahead with publication of Truth vs Lies.

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Thanks for your note about the damaged letters. The fact that you received an unsealed envelope is the fault of the mailroom staff here. I have to hand over all mail unsealed (except letters to attorneys) so that it can be read before being ~~is~~ given to the Post Office. The envelopes are supposed to be sealed for me — but correctional institutions are not noted

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for efficiency.

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Thanks for the copy of Chris Waits's book. Please thank Michael Ulveman for me and give him my regards. Also, you might ask him if he would be interested in ~~investigating~~ helping to investigate Waits's veracity. There are certain claims that Waits makes that should be checked out, and I can point some of these out to Ulveman. Waits is a clumsy hoaxer, but he is also a rather colorful one, and Ulveman possibly could produce an entertaining article on the subject.

Please keep me posted on any information you get from lawyers about possible legal action that could be taken against Waits or his publishers.

Meanwhile, my plan, at least tentatively, is this:

I've gone through Waits's book, making notes, and I've identified a number of points at which Waits is vulnerable, i.e., at which it can be shown that he is lying. In some cases the lies can be exposed only with the help of documents that the lawyers tell me I should not yet make public; but in other cases such documents are not required. There are other points at which Waits is possibly or probably lying, but this cannot be shown without information that can be obtained only through investigation.

So I expect to write to the Helena Independent

Record and Montana Magazine (the publishers), and tell them they've been had. I will offer them a few points in proof that Waits is a liar, then I will invite them to investigate Waits and his book to determine whether the latter is a hoax. I will offer them my full cooperation in this investigation. I will point out that if they investigate Waits and conclude he's a liar, it will be embarrassing to them to admit publicly that they were taken in by a hoaxer; but if they decline this opportunity to investigate Waits, then, when the book is exposed as a hoax (as it certainly will be eventually), they will suffer not only embarrassment but serious damage to their reputation for journalistic integrity. (I don't know whether they have a reputation for journalistic integrity, but they probably like to imagine that they do.)

At the same time I will write to the Missoulian, cite a few points that demonstrate Waits's dishonesty, and offer to cooperate with them in an investigation of Waits's claims. I'm also offering similar cooperation to Rick Sallinger.

If the Missoulian declines to investigate Waits, I will write a ~~brief~~ letter-to-the-editor, or, better, a brief article, which I will try to get Published in the Missoulian and other Montana papers, in which I will exhibit a few of the most solid pieces of

This is not a capital P. It is merely a lower-case p that suffers from an overactive pituitary gland.

evidence that Waits is a liar.

What do you think about this? Any suggestions? I'd also like to suggest collaboration in the investigation of Waits by Rick Sullinger, the Missoulian, and (if he's interested) Ulveman. What do you think?

Once I get an article written, you can help me (if you like) by trying to place it for me in some Montana newspapers. You can do this more easily than I can, because I am hampered by slow communications. Also, of course, you know the publishing business and I don't.

By the way, the book apparently is being made available in Western Montana, since a couple of my correspondents at Lincoln speak of people who have purchased copies, and apparently they ^{copies, not people} are being sold at the Town and Country store in Lincoln. So I definitely should make some answer in the Montana newspapers, if I can't get the newspapers themselves to investigate Waits.

I'll write you again soon on this subject.

By the way, if you have any info about the Waits affair (or any other info) that you think should be communicated to me promptly, you may be able to get it to me via Michael Mello, since he can make legal phone calls to me. (Bonnie would be too busy.)

Best regards,

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